



**MINUTES OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD IN REGULAR MEETING, June 22, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.,  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, 90 EAST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, GILBERT, ARIZONA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Lykins, Les Presmyk, Pamela Rinesmith, Dave Rosenfeld, Nicki Bartram and Phil Bobadilla

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**COUNCIL/STAFF PRESENT:** Mayor Brigitte Peterson, Councilmember Kathy Tilque, Council Aide Monica D'Ortenzio (Staff Liaison)

**GUESTS:** Jacques Tregre, Erica Bailey, Mike Bailey, Sergio Ysco, Tiffany Graaff

**1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Presmyk called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

Staff liaison Monica D'Ortenzio called roll and declared a quorum present.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor Peterson lead the Pledge of Allegiance

**4. Veterans and Military Advisory Board Minutes**

Member Lykins moved to approve the meeting minutes from the May 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, Vice Chair Rosenfeld seconded the motion.

Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

**Agenda Items item**

**5. Oath of Office – Board Member Michael Bailey – Mayor Peterson**

Michael Bailey was sworn into office by Mayor Peterson and introduced himself to the board. Chair Presmyk requested members and guest introduced themselves and provide any military background.

**6. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair**

Chair Presmyk opened the floor for nominations of chair and vice chair. Member Lykins nominated Chair Presmyk and Vice Chair Rosenfeld to stay as chair and vice chair. Member Bobadilla made the motion to nominate Chair Presmyk as chair and Vice Chair Rosenfeld as Vice Chair. Member Rinesmith seconded the motion. Chair Presmyk asked for any other nominations. No other nominations were provided. Chair Presmyk closed nominations and took a vote. Members voted 5-0.

## **8. Open Meeting Law Overview – Chaveli Herrera**

Town Clerk Chaveli Herrera gave an overview on Open Meeting Law and answered all questions that the board members asked. <https://www.gilbertaz.gov/departments/clerk-s-office/boards-commissions/member-resources>

## **7. Female Veterans Sexual Trauma Program – Nicki Bartram**

Member Bartram requested to table this item for the next meeting.

## **9. Annual Review of the Strategic Plan**

Chair Presmyk presented a Power Point presentation on the Annual Review of the Strategic Plan. Chair Presmyk provided an update of the board's accomplishments over the year. Chair Presmyk also gave an overview of the task forces, the updated members and accomplishments over the year. Chair Presmyk thanked the board, liaisons and staff for all their hard work and great accomplishments.

## **10. Discuss November Meeting Date 11/23 or 11/30**

Board members decided to hold the November meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Communications**

### **11. Report from Staff**

Staff liaison Monica D'Ortenzio handed the new polo's out to the board members. She also talked about the August meeting in regards to the Town Staff Volunteers attending and meeting the board members.

### **12. Task Force Reports**

#### **USS Task Force**

Member Rinesmith reminded the board that the IRS National paperwork is to be submitted this week. She is working on the upcoming timeline of events and hopes to have a big presence of Gilbert. Member Lykins gave an update on the cyclone and USS coins for events and discussed funds.

#### **Events**

Vice Chair Rosenfeld gave an update on the Veterans Day Committee planning meeting.

#### **Well-being**

Member Bartram requested information on the task forces to update the website. Member Bartram discussed the information she was providing regarding domestic violence. Member Bobadilla discussed the task forces vision statement that he passed around to the members. Member Bobadilla discussed the website and the few changes he requested.

### **13. Report from Chair**

Chair Presmyk talked about filling Member Bartram's seat when she resigns and becomes a volunteer.

### **14. Report from Board Members**

Member Lykins shared a story regarding the Memorial Day event and the guest speaker.

## **15. Report from Council Liaison**

Mayor Peterson talked about Operation Shockwave that works with the city of Chandler on veteran issues and events. Mayor wanted to know if they should be listed as resource on VAB website and was provided feedback from the board. Mayor gave the timeline of resignation for Member Bartram. Mayor also discussed the possible coin design from Gilbert as they are the sponsor city for USS AZ.

CM Tilque discussed the advocacy center and the council support.

## **16. Future Agenda and Review Future Meeting Dates**

Next meeting is August 24, 2021

Future agenda item - Member Rinesmith would like to discuss how we can get more people involved with the task forces

## **17. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

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Les Presmyk, Chair

ATTEST:

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Monica D'Ortenzio, Staff Liaison